

Torrance Averts Major Disaster as Storm Passes



WHERE IS IT? . . . Police Officer Bill Winther probes beneath the flood waters at 166th and Crenshaw Blvd. to find a car which was in a ditch, blocking the drainage in the area. The motorist, Lou Zimring, 3217 Pacific Coast Hwy., crawled out of the car as it sank, splashed to safety, and hitchhiked home. "There was nothing I could do," he said. (Herald Photo)



DERAIL . . . The trains weren't even going through at Torrance Blvd. and Western yesterday as much of the downtown Torrance runoff ended up in the intersection. Workers were trying to open a channel to the new drainage system after the storm passed yesterday. (Herald Photo)



WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE . . . This was the scene at 166th and Crenshaw Blvd., yesterday morning as water from the Dominguez Channel poured across the intersection, and lapped into a few nearby homes. The market in

the background was sandbagged, as were some homes. Several vehicles were marooned as motors stalled in the torrents. (Herald Photo)



COMING UP . . . After Officer Winther disappeared into the murky waters to attach towing cables to the sunken vehicle, the wreckers got the car partially above the water the 1958 ear was filled with mud. (Herald Photo)



STALLED TRUCK . . . This big truck was stalled at 189th and Crenshaw Blvd. in waters three feet deep, while the owners of Don's Cafe watched through the window for business. Although it was sandbagged, some water seeped in the building. (Herald Photo)



ALMOST OUT . . . The towing job was nearly complete in this picture and flood waters which had backed up in the area gushed through the drain again. A sopping Officer Winther headed for the nearest shower. (Herald Photo)

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FLOODED UNDERPASS . . . The railroad underpass at 190th and Hawthorne Ave. was filled with running-board deep water yesterday after rains filled the intersection. Cars could go through, but slowly. (Herald Photo)

Obituaries

Randal Rauk

Final rites for Randal B. Rauk, 39, 1409 W. 216th St., were held yesterday in Stone and Myers Chapel, with the Rev. Paul Wenske officiating. He died Saturday at his home. A native of North Dakota, he lived here six years. Burial was in Roosevelt Memorial Park. Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rauk, 1409 W. 216th St.; brother, Arland, Grand Forks, N.D.; and Berland Rauk, Torrance; sisters, Audrey Baxter, Gardena; and Vivian Copeland, Torrance.

Elizabeth Glau

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Glau, 87, 1609 W. 219th St., will be held in Nebraska. She died Monday in Torrance Memorial Hospital. A native of Pennsylvania, she lived here for three years. One and Myers Chapel handled local arrangements. Survivors include daughters, Frances Clement, 1609 W. 219th St.; Albert Forrester, Long Beach; Ruth Perkins, Pendleton; and Esther Dove, Portland, Ore.; and sons, Lyle, Jess, Frank, and William D. Glau, all of Angora, Neb.

Hazel Ehst

Hazel Ehst, 60, a resident of this area for the past 52 years, died Monday at her home, 22315 S. Denker. Funeral services were held yesterday in the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel. She was born in Indiana. Burial was in Green Hills Cemetery. Survivors include her husband, Morris; son, James, Torrance; daughters, Florence Brown, Wilmington; Alice Bullard and Idabell Mullin, both of Torrance; sisters, Mrs. James Laramy, Wilmington, and Mrs. Nancy Knecht, Compton.

Sebastiano DiMaria

Requiem mass will be celebrated tomorrow morning at 9:30 for Sebastiano DiMaria, of 1768 Santa Fe, at the Nativity Catholic Church. Rosary will be recited tonight at 7:30 at Stone Myers Mortuary Chapel. Mrs. DiMaria, who had resided here for the past five years, died Monday. He is survived by the widow, Josephine, and a daughter, Mrs. Norma Steinleitner, of Torrance, and another daughter, Mrs. Connie McCausland, of Rolling Hills. One grandson also survives him.



SCOUT CENTER PLANNED . . . Groundbreaking ceremonies for the first wing of the new Scout Center were held Monday at the site, on Plaza del Amo by the YMCA. Shown at the ceremonies are Dr. Warren Hamilton, director of special services for the school district; Mrs. John Schwartz, Junior Woman's Club president; Tommy Wilkes, Scout official; and Rev. Milton Sippel, First Christian Church pastor. The Junior Woman's Club is sponsoring the project. (Herald Photo)



STREET WASHED OUT . . . Unhappy workmen who were building a bridge over the Dominguez Channel on 174th St., near Western, eye the damage done by the rampaging flood. The waters washed out two eastbound lanes of the state highway and repairs will probably take several days. (Herald Photo)